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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US department of Justice. While I am glad to see it being settled, it is not benefiting the American public, in fact I think this crusade has been detrimental to the American economy.

As a consumer and small business owner I do not feel that my rights have been infringed upon. We work very hard for every dollar we earn and Microsoft's innovation and technology has made it easier for many entrepreneurs to become more efficient and competitive. As soon as litigation began the tech market began to sour. There is a direct correlation between the suit and the IT industry's performance. Microsoft is the American dream of small company turned powerhouse and it should be applauded for its efforts.

I want the government to stop meddling with free enterprise and allow our economy to rejuvenate by standing on the pillars of our industrial giants. Let their success guide our economy's future.

Sincerely,



John and JoAnn Hornaman

cc: Senator Rick Santorum